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## INTERESTING EVENTS AT GOVERNMENT SEAT

Special to the News:

### Advantages of the Delegate

Delegate Wickersham is urging that the government take charge of the railroad situation in Alaska, and he declares that the Guggenheim and the Morgan syndicates control every mile of railroad in the territory. Wickersham is a live wire, and gets constant action. He credits part of his success in Congress to the fact that he has no vote in the House, and therefore does not offend any political faith. The Guggenheims and Morgans have tried in vain to defeat him in the Alaska elections, but the people up there have grown to look upon him as another Moses come to lead them out of the political wilderness.

### Hitchcock is an Objector

Declaring that he is in sympathy with currency legislation, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, qualified: "I have no idea that any emergency exists which will excuse Congress in railroadizing through a revolutionary measure such as has been introduced by my colleague from Oklahoma." In answer to a question from Senator Crawford of South Dakota, Mr. Hitchcock said he thought the Administration could use the Vreeland Act for all present purposes. The Nebraskaan, like many other Senators, wants to get home to help with the fall crops, or for any other purpose that will get them out of Washington.

### Kindel and \$2500 Clerks

Mr. Kindel, the new Colorado Congressman, has let the House into his confidence by explaining the great indignity practiced upon him and other Congressmen by being obliged to take up the matter of parcel post rates with "four underling \$2500 clerks." And they," explains the injured gentleman, "control the destiny of the biggest business organization on earth, the U. S. postoffice." It is little wonder that with the department refusing to accept the Kindel plan of fifty pound packages and reduced rates, and that with the price of grape juice going up, thereby increasing the price of living, that the man from Colorado should feel it an indignity to be obliged to sit down and talk matters over with people who control the destiny of the biggest business organization on earth, and are paid only \$2500 a year by a stingy government.

### Still there are Sheep and Goats

The attempt in the United States Senate to fasten a charge upon one of the Departments of having instituted segregation of the whites and blacks has apparently failed. Nevertheless like the incident of the sheep and the goats it is noticeable that some of the Southern cabinet officials are finding a way to push the whites and blacks in to opposite corners, although no formal orders have been issued. A simple understanding that this is the proper thing to do seems to be answering every purpose in the reform.

### Europe and the Pan-American

Although England, Russia, and a number of other European nations have signified their intention not to exhibit at the San Francisco exposition, our governmental agents are hopeful that they will be able to show that in the case of the great-and-only expo, that the Europeans ought not to let their inclination to "get tired of expositions" influence them to stay away from this particular big show.

### Brotherly Love in the Senate

The spirit of good fellowship in the Senate has been remarked as unusual, and even though Senator Penrose does find time to retort to Governor Johnson of California, on account of the latter's criticism, and to put the Governor in the class of the "low bred, blatant bosses," yet with his old arch-enemy LaFollette, and the balance of the progressives, he is one of the most endearing terms, while the Wisconsin senator who formerly unrolled dramatic denunciations almost daily, has become a veritable "Affable Bob" and the old standpats stand around him fondly wondering whether they can get him to pull their shrunken fortunes together. The patient Democratic Senators are tolerantly letting the minority do most of the tariff talking, and it seems that there are very few of the gallant statesmen who can walk across the Chamber without stopping a number of times to shake hands with a colleague whom they have not seen for perhaps an hour.

### Mexico Exacts Lots of Patience

In the strained and delicate relations with Mexico the line between states-

manship, wisdom in debate, and jingoism, has been very narrow, and in the Capital where the general feeling is a desire to help the unfortunate Mexican people deliver itself from selfish rulers, the results following the sending of John Lind to Mexico City, have been watched with feverish excitement. The Administration has been using its utmost efforts to prevent intervention, and the difficulties in dealing with the ridiculous Huerta have been enough to test the patience of even the most gracious of officials of the United States government both in the Capital and in the field.

### The Currency Legislation

Senator Owen and Representative Glass, as the heads of the banking committees of the two branches of Congress, and who are the spokesmen in a measure for the Administration, do not admit for a moment that there is any question about currency legislation at this session. The Democratic caucus has been thrashing the subject out for the House. In the regular course of events the completed House bill will be handed over to the Senate in remarkably short order. In the case of the tariff bill the House process consumed one month. But oh, that Senate of ours—it has already had the tariff bill three months.

Secretary McAdoo's stunt of "mobilizing" the cash of the treasury into the south and west to move the crops has set a fine example for war department officials in case it becomes necessary for them to do a little "mobilizing." The Administration is leaving nothing undone to avoid a money stringency during the period of the tariff and currency legislation, and the carrying out of new governmental policies. Congress has been talking tariff intermittently for nearly five years, and it is no wonder that the learned Victor Murdock should find it opportune to suggest that the printing of articles and speeches by those outside the membership of Congress, "ought make the Congressional Record more interesting." The citizen is certainly alert and patriotic who can continue to follow the tariff debates in the Senate.

Often interruptions of speeches in Congress evolve themselves into long-winded controversies, and an instance of the "tarot contents" is given in a remark by Chairman Clayton of the Judiciary Committee, who reminded a Wisconsin Congressman that "it seems that the interrogation point of the gentleman has been lost."

The United States army has determined that the rifles handed to our soldiers are capable of being fired from 8,000 to 13,000 times before becoming so worn as to become inaccurate. In the case of the army rifle its life is thus computed at about ten years.

### FOUND NO "MAGAZINE TRUST"

New York, Aug. 22.—The federal government has dropped its anti-trust suit against the periodical clearing house, an organization that embraced some important magazines published in the East. The suit was begun here about two years ago by Henry A. Wise, United States district attorney, and attracted widespread attention because the government sought to prove that magazine makers, some of them active in "blackmailing" the great industrial and commercial combinations, were themselves guilty of violation of the Sherman Law.

The United States Court in this district decided in favor of the publishers nearly a month ago, but the news of the government's defeat did not become generally known until today. It was announced by the publishers at the expiration of the time within which the Attorney General might have taken an appeal to the supreme court. At the same time they let it be known that the clearing house had been allowed to die.

### LIGHTNING KILLS TWO MEN IN AUTOMOBILE

Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 18.—Returning from a picnic with their families, H. W. Lyle of this city, and Oscar Avery, of Wichita Falls, Texas, were instantly killed by a bolt of lightning which struck the car. The machine unguided, and carrying the two men and a baby, plunged down an embankment. Neither of the women nor the baby were seriously injured.

Shocked by the horror of the tragedy, neither of the women was able to leave her seat in the rear of the machine even after they observed that the automobile was plunging wildly with the hands of a dead man grasping the steering wheel.

Oscar Avery was formerly a resident of Tucumcari and had many acquaintances here who are greatly shocked at learning of this sad accident.

## OUR SCHOOLS WILL OPEN ON SEPT. 1--MANY NEW FEATURES

On Monday, September 1, the Tucumcari Public Schools will open the doors under the most favorable conditions for excellent work that they have ever enjoyed. The plans include new features as well as the strengthening of all work formerly done in them. The public is taking a great interest in the opening, and the prospects for the largest enrollment in the history of the schools is most encouraging.

For the first time, the schools will be conducted under the laws that permit the City of Tucumcari to take advantage of being an Independent City School System. The whole system is under the direct control of the Board of Education, consisting of five members, who have absolute power to plan and direct the work, even to effecting the teachers who shall teach in Tucumcari. They also have the power to establish the age limit at which the youngest children may enter school for the first time, so long as this does not conflict with the law on compulsory attendance, which is between the ages of seven and fourteen, for every body who is in the district. This compulsory attendance law requires the attendance each day school is in session, for the entire school year, and makes the Board of Education subject to a penalty for not enforcing it to the letter.

### The Kindergarten

The Board has elected Miss Mabel W. Clark of Warsaw, New York, to establish and conduct a first-class Kindergarten this year, beginning on Monday September 1. Miss Clark is a graduate of the State Normal School at Oneonta, New York, and has specialized in the Kindergarten, for which she holds a license to teach in New York State. She has been in charge of the Kindergarten work at Warsaw for the past six years, and was re-elected to succeed herself for another year. She brings to Tucumcari a splendid record and experience and we shall find in her the best Kindergarten that can be secured. The Board of Education has made provision for the equipment of the Kindergarten with the very best materials that can be procured. The plans are under way to rent the building owned by the Methodist church, and now used by the Christian church, located on First street at the corner, by Belmont's Lumber Yard. This house will be thoroughly renovated and repaired to meet the requirements for the Kindergarten work.

The tuition for the Kindergarten will be \$1.50 per month. Children who have reached the age of seven years, will be admitted to the work of the First grade only twice each year, on September 1, and at the opening of the second half of the year, in January. No children will be admitted till they reach the age of seven except those who attend the Kindergarten.

### Vaccination

All persons who attend school in Tucumcari the coming year, will be required to satisfy the City Health Physician that they are immune to small pox, before they may be enrolled. This includes the pupils from the Kindergarten to the High School, all teachers and the janitors. Those who would enter the first day should get their vaccination certificates, have them examined and approved by Dr. Nichols, or get some statement from him that the person is immune. No old statement will be accepted, and all records of former years are now out of date.

### Manual Training

The High School will have the man and training work for the first time in its history. There will be one room for benches and a workshop in the upper floor of the High School building, and another room for the assembling of parts and finishing in the basement. Principal Shadwick has ordered the tools for this work, and we shall find the boys of the Tucumcari schools at woodworking at an early date. An effort will be made to get this work into the grades as early as possible, although the prospects for the lower grades are not very flattering for a few months. As soon as the Board of Education can furnish more room, the present equipment will be increased to accommodate others in the grades below the High School.

### Domestic Science

Nothing that has been planned by the Board of Education is meeting with greater favor than the installation of a completely equipped department of Domestic Science. This will occupy the room formerly used for the laboratory, in the High School building, and will be furnished throughout with tables, stoves, sinks, cupboards, and the best material now in use by the departments of domestic science in various parts of the United States. Miss Doris M. Butt will be in charge of this department. Miss Butt is a graduate of one of the best schools in the training for domestic science teaching in Illinois, and has had extensive experience in that line. We predict she will be able to add much to the life of our school next year, and to the welfare of the homes in and about Tucumcari in the future.

### Piano Department

Miss Doris Butt, who has the endorsement of the best piano teachers in the East, will have charge of the piano teaching at the High School this year. She is a graduate of several of the best conservatories in the United States, including Sherwood Conservatory at Chicago, and has a fine record as a teacher of this instrument. This work is under the direct supervision of the Board of Education, and those who take it will get full credit for it, the same as if they took work in other High School branches. A charge of fifty cents per lesson will be made. The patrons of the public schools will do well to investigate the advantages the pupils in the public schools will have by taking piano lessons with Miss Butt at the high school.

### Commercial Courses

The work of the Commercial Department has been strengthened, and will be much better than ever. The carpenters are at work preparing better quarters for the home of the business department, when it will be finished it will be one of the best in New Mexico. It will occupy the northeast rooms on the High School floor, and will consist of a room for the shorthand class, another room for the typewriting people, and a third room for a printing room. Those who will be with us next year will find their work planned by an expert, and in charge of those who can give their pupils full value for their money.

### Athletics

Tucumcari High School students will find their teachers the very best friends of athletics. Both Prin. Johnson of the Commercial Department and Prin. Shadwick of the other departments of the High School are old fellows on the athletic field. They are well acquainted with every line of school athletics, and will give freely of their time and energy to see that their pupils become strong men and women in other lines than purely academic scholarship. The triumvirate of morality, mind and muscle will receive its full consideration in the High School by every person in it.

The Board of Education has established the following rates for the tuition of non-residents who would attend the public schools this year: Kindergarten, \$1.50 per month. First to Ninth grades (inclusive) \$2.50 per month. Ninth to Twelfth grades (inclusive) \$3.50 per month. Special Commercial Course \$5.00 per month.

There will be no extra cost for the Manual Training and Domestic Science except for the aprons of the individual, and these will be furnished by each pupil.

### HIGH SCHOOL COMMERCIAL COURSES WILL EQUAL BEST

The Commercial Courses of the Tucumcari High School will this year take on new life and strength under the direction of its new principal, Professor R. H. Johnson, for the last six years the principal of the Commercial Department of the South Omaha High School. Before going to Omaha he was one of the faculty of the famous Powers and Lyons Business College, at Chicago, known as the Metropolitan Business College. He is a graduate of the York Business College, at York, Neb., of the Aurora Normal College, Aurora, Nebraska, and has done post graduate work at the Omaha Business University. He holds the degree of Master of Accounts, and comes to Tucumcari with the best credentials that can be

held by any one for his position. Besides being a first-class commercial man he is a musician of fine ability, and has the credit of making the best orchestra in Nebraska out of the pupils of the South Omaha High School. He will take charge of the Tucumcari High School Orchestra along with his other work in the local school.

### R. H. JOHNSON

#### Principal of Commercial Department

The work of the Commercial course will include the regular work for which credit will be given by the State University, as work that is accredited for University Entrance. This will be taken the same as are given any other subjects of the High School—as one of the four which all pupils are expected to take during the school year. There will be given, also, a special course for those who want to take only shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping and Civil Service subjects, preparatory to entering office work, and who want to devote their whole time to the completion of these subjects, exclusive of any other subjects. For those who will take the work in this special way, a charge of \$5.00 per month will be made.

### Special Night School

There has been some inquiry about the opportunity for the busy people of Tucumcari to learn shorthand, typewriting and Civil Service after regular hours, in the evening. It is the wish of the Board of Education to meet all the needs of the people of Tucumcari, and to this end classes will be organized to meet in the evening, for the study of any subjects that may be asked for, provided that enough people will take the subjects, to justify the organization of such classes. The charge for such work will be the same as for the special course given above.

### Equipment

The full equipment of typewriters, desks etc., will be granted to special students as they are granted to the regular students. The High School is well lighted with electricity and heated with steam furnace, and is a very pleasant place for those who would take advantage of this opportunity to fit themselves for a better life and a better salary.

Amarillo, Texas, Aug. 20, 1913. Mr. Hardee Wyatt, Secretary, Tucumcari Chamber of Commerce, Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 16th duly received. I appreciate your advising me that you had been authorized by your Chamber of Commerce to correspond with Clovis regarding the railroad proposition—and only hope that the good citizens of Tucumcari will become as active as Clovis did.

Only Tucumcari and Grady remain—all other towns between Tucumcari and Midland (260 miles) having pledged their cooperation—bonuses, right of way, terminal grounds and promotion money, as exacted by the Chicago people. I sincerely hope to be favored with Tucumcari's acceptance at an early date, and when both Tucumcari and Grady have accepted as exactations—the Chicago people will visit all towns, sign contracts to build the road, also will make bond for promotion money—then place engineers in the field and take up all preliminary work in its regular order. Hoping to be favored with your promptness—as we want to get busy—and if possible, grade from Clovis to Grady this fall. It could also be possible; that we might do some grading between Tucumcari and the cap rock.

Thanking you in advance for promptness and hope to be assured of your prompt cooperation. Please send me a map of Tucumcari.

Yours very truly

R. E. DAVIS

### THAW ESCAPES FROM ASYLUM

Mattewan, N. Y., Aug. 17.—Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, escaped from the hospital for the criminal insane at 7:45 o'clock this morning. A dart for liberty through an open gate, a dash into the open door of a powerful automobile that stood waiting outside and a flight like a rock, at for the Connecticut state line, 30 miles away, accompanied his escape.

Once beyond the state boundaries, Thaw is free. Only long years of litigation can bring him back and then only in one event, that he be adjudged insane in the state to which he has fled.

Singing school began Tuesday evening at Jordan. Prof. Wise is the teaching.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

### Water Melon Day

At a meeting of the Board of Directors and Chairman of Committees, called by President Mesefee and held at the Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday evening 8 o'clock the subject of the Water Melon Day was discussed and it was decided to postpone the day till Friday, September 19. Arrangements were made to have the day a special trades day and the merchants will offer special bargains that day to attract the people from over the county. Nara Visa having set apart for a long while a special day each month the committee decided to try to co-operate with that prosperous city and also to secure their cooperation on all affairs of interest to the county when held in Tucumcari.

The Water Melon Day it is believed will be as successful and as interesting a day to Quacy county as were the 4th of July and the 4th of August.

Prizes will be offered for the largest watermelons offered in competition and for the best cantaloupes. Each community should see that it is represented, for as an advertising proposition it will be worth much to let the county see that your community raises the best watermelons and cantaloupes. There will be Eating Watermelon Contests. Boys with expansive appetites may enter this contest, but two of our most experienced physicians will be in constant attendance, otherwise some of our boys may eat too much.

Altogether the day will be a most enjoyable one. Two or three especially invited outsiders will add forth on the memories of their own watermelon days and what the appetites of those trying to consume all the Quacy county melons that is possible.

There will be base ball in the afternoon, special picture shows and a grand ball at the Arcade Theater that night complimentary by the Tucumcari Dancing Club, whose popular weekly dances at the Arcade are already so much enjoyed.

### Get together Dinner

Another special feature discussed at this meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, was the question of a luncheon once a month, so that the members of the Chamber of Commerce and friends (prospective members) may sit about the festive board and here during a good dinner and pleasant smoke of a "made in Tucumcari" cigar, discuss our city building.

Commercial clubs have been slow to learn what the ladies always knew from time immemorial that men are more susceptible to really progressive ideas when the physical side is well cared for. El Paso has a monthly luncheon and it is a no-nonsense affair. Amarillo has a six o'clock dinner, very informal, and very enjoyable. Tucumcari has decided to follow the Amarillo plan.

It is no reflection upon the splendid dinners served by the good wives of Tucumcari that there husbands desire once a month to get together at a public cafe and there dine and talk over the making of a Greater Tucumcari.

The initial dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, August 26 at 6:30. It is hoped that the business men will attend this dinner of the Commercial Club.

A very active committee has in charge the selling of the tickets: M. B. Goldenberg, chairman; George Eager and Benito Baca.

The dinner will cost only 50 cents which includes cigars.

After the business day is over these dinners once a month beginning at 6:30 and lasting till 7:30 or 8 will doubtless prove most enjoyable and there will come to be a splendid spirit of good fellowship and confidence that will make those interested in Tucumcari work as a unit for the good of the city and county.

This Tuesday night dinner will outline the work of the new year and the new president and directors want to meet the old ones, also the new committees and members and to keep the Commercial Club spirit up so that the state and county will benefit thereby, and all may know that Tucumcari means to be a real city.

### NEW IRRIGATION ENGINEER

State College, Aug. 18.—George W. Kable of Berkeley, Cal., has received the appointment as assistant in irrigation engineering and will take up his duties at the State College on the first of September. Mr. Kable is an irrigation engineer of excellent training and experience.